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1. DURING BRIEFING OF CODEL MANN ON MACAU NARCOTICS
SITUATION, MACAU OFFICIALS REITERATED LAST YEAR'S REQUEST
FOR DEA TRAINING IN ANTI-NARCOTICS WORK. THEY WERE
OPTIMISTIC THAT THE PRC WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE DISCOMFORTED
BY THIS TYPE OF USG ACTIVITY IN MACAU.

2. DURING BRIEFING AND IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS WITH
CONGEN OFFICER, CODEL CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED SYMPATHY
TOWARD MACAU TRAINING REQUEST DESPITE ITS APPARENT APPRECIATION
OF THE RELATIVELY MINOR SCALE OF MACAU'S DRUG PROBLEM
AND THE FACT THAT IT DOES NOT HAVE ANY DIRECT IMPACT ON
THE U.S.

3. WE HAVE THE DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT UPON RETURN
TO THE U.S. THE CODEL, ENCOURAGED BY AN ENTHUSIASTIC
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DEA, WILL PUSH FOR DEA TRAINING OF MACAU OFFICIALS.
WHILE WE REMAIN SKEPTICAL OF THE VALUE OF DIVERTING
DEA RESOURCES AND ENERGIES INTO SOMETHING THAT
STRIKES US AS MARGINAL, AS WE INDICATED LAST FALL
(REFTEL), WE ARE WILLING TO GO ALONG WITH SUCH TRAIN-
ING PROVIDED IT IS EPISODIC AND DOES NOT ENTAIL A
PERMANENT DEA PRESENCE IN MACAU. WE SHARE THE

MACAU GOVERNMENT'S ASSESSMENT OF THE LIKELIHOOD OF A
BENIGN PRC REACTION.
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